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REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AND
SCHOOL BOARD,
OF THE
TOWN OF HILL,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

BRISTOL, N. H. :
R. W. MUSGROVE, PRINTER.
1891.

Report of Selectmen and Treasurer.

Valuation of Taxable Property as taken by the Selectmen April 1, 1890:--

150 polls,	\$15,000 00
Buildings and land,	123,542 00
141 horses,	10,210 00
69 oxen,	2,180 00
255 cows,	5,203 00
139 other neat stock,	1,529 00
554 sheep,	1,314 00
12 hogs, 2 and under exempt,	58 00
125 fowls,	50 00
10 shares of bank stock,	1,000 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,	6,550 00
Stock in trade,	6,800 00
Mills and their machinery,	4,200 00
Aqueducts,	250 00
Buildings not designated,	120 00
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	\$178,006 00

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED IN 1890.

School tax by law,	\$367 50
State "	525 00
County tax,	488 48
Dog tax,	46 00
School, by vote of town,	350 00
Town expenses,	600 00
Amount appropriated for Memorial Day,	30 00
Roads and bridges,	400 00
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	\$2,806 98

State, County, Town and School tax, \$1.35 on \$100.

Highway tax in labor, 23 cts. on 100.

AMOUNT COMMITTED COLLECTOR.

George A. Sumner, state, county, town and school,	\$2,402 42
Non-resident highway tax,	31 67
Dog tax,	46 00
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	\$2,480 09

The Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Hill, for 1890,
charge themselves with the following items :

CASH RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS.

Geo. W. Dimond, Treasurer for 1889,	\$860 34
Railroad tax,	209 29
Savings Bank tax,	847 92
Literary fund,	127 33
County of Merrimack, for paupers,	842 08
S. H. Dearborn, for bank bill,	80
G. H. Sargent, grass on Pearson's place for 1890,	3 00
James W. Downes, " " 1889,	5 00
F. G. Dickerson, books,	80

L. A. Follansbee, old stove,	\$ 75
Tax committed to collector,	2,480 09
Daniel Wiser, collector for 1887,	9 00
James Newton, " 1888,	104 95
J. W. Favor, old plank,	90
F. G. Dickerson, for books,	2 06
F. P. Parker, "	1 72
John Emerton, for old plank,	1 00
Interest on deposit,	17 31
Received of Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, public weighers,	28 58
" for Pearson's place,	100 00
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	\$5,642 92

Which is accounted for as follows:—

OUTSTANDING BILLS PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1890.

Paid :

D. W. Hall, on highway and breaking roads,	\$10 35
Nathan Hilliard, labor on road,	1 25
W. B. Cawley, lumber for hay-scales and bridge,	41 37
Albert Bush, breaking road,	1 08
I. D. Emmons, "	8 76
F. G. Dickerson, plank for bridge,	3 31
C. N. Blake, snowing bridge in '88 and '89,	12 00
A. D. Prescott, auditing Selectmen's account,	1 50
J. P. Colby, hay for town team,	92
W. C. Kelley, snowing bridge,	1 50
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	\$82 04

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid :		
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, goods for G. H. Veasey,		\$1 62
Geo. W. Dearborn, drawing wood	"	3 00
Daniel Pickard, medical attendance	"	35 50
W. F. Baldwin,	"	33 75
F. H. Chapman, drugs and medicine	"	13 10
Geo. W. Dimond, cash,		180 00
" cash for H. Keaton,		93 50
E. S. Stearns, wood for	"	7 00
James Newton,	"	3 00
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, goods for H. Keaton,		16 85
John C. Wheat, medical attendance,		22 00
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		\$409 32

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid :		
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, clothes and medicine for Henry Woodward,		\$13 50
W. F. Baldwin, services rendered Henry Wood- ward, Dr. Fowler's bill included,		6 50
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		\$20 00

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid :		
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, goods for James Kenney,		\$65 30
J. C. Wheat, medical attendance	" "	4 00
Sarah A. Quimby, board, clothes and medicine for Lydia Mowe,		105 37
C. M. Cilley, medicine for Lydia Mowe,		17 17
W. F. Baldwin, med. att.	"	2 55
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, goods for Lydia Mowe,		11 84

Orrin G. Colby, board and care of Edmund Cheney,	\$5 00
Geo. A. Robie, casket for Edmund Cheney,	15 00
W. F. Baldwin, med. att. " "	5 95
Orrin G. Colby, board and care of Eugene Cheney,	54 00
W. F. Baldwin, med. attendance " "	50 00
C. N. Blake, board and care of David Blake,	4 00
Paine Blake, " " "	11 60
L. A. Ward, board of Henry Graham,	15 95
Aaron Smith, " "	15 00
Thomas Tyman, " "	29 57
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, goods for Henry Graham,	21 51
W. F. Baldwin, medical attendance " "	2 50
John C. Wheat, " " " "	1 00

\$437 31

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid:

G. H. Sargent, breaking roads,	\$2 88
James E. Newton, " and use of plow,	11 30
A. F. Roberts, " "	3 25
John H. Quimby, " and cutting bushes,	10 40
Willis G. Gordon, labor on road,	2 50
Lewis Jondro, " "	2 50
Filmore V. Dickerson, " "	1 00
John Emerton, " "	26 21
I. D. Emmons, " and breaking,	32 64
Pat Kenney, " "	3 12
L. A. Warp, " "	2 87
H. J. Campbell, " and breaking,	4 50
E. S. Bickford, " "	2 82
James Kenney, jr., " "	2 50
James Kenney, sr., " "	3 75
S. W. Carlton, " "	15 87

George S. Wade,	"	\$7 90
George F. Bickford,	"	2 50
W. H. Chamberlain, plank and	work on bridge,	2 98
D. W. Hall, labor on road,		12 04
S. H. Dearborn, labor on road,		63
Geo. W. Keniston	" and breaking,	11 26
Geo. H. Cilley,	" "	4 42
H. C. Bartlett,	" "	16 19
A. Bush,	" "	6 72
L. A. Follansbee,	"	2 45
N. T. Noyes,	" "	8 90
L. L. Mason, breaking,		2 67
Horace Sweatt,	"	7 32
J. W. Favor, labor on road,		72
A. A. Bartlett,	"	2 60
J. P. Colby,	"	80
Daniel Wiser,	" and breaking,	9 70
C. W. Morrill,	" "	17 27
W. C. Kelley,	" "	2 50
Elmer H. Carlton, breaking,		7 80
Carlton Dufur, labor on road,		1 50
D. B. Dickerson,	" breaking and plank,	9 75
W. B. Cawley, lumber for bridges,		78 92
F. G. Dickerson, labor on road and breaking,		3 27
H. P. Blake, breaking,		6 20
C. M. Cilley, labor on road,		1 25
John W. Bartlett, breaking,		75
Ellen L. Adams, breaking,		1 00
John Emerton, labor on roads,		2 86
A. J. Dustin, damage to plow and labor,		11 34
B. S. Stevens, labor on road,		1 75
Geo. A. Berry, gravel,		8 99
Geo. W. Twombly, lighting streets,		13 08
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, nails and spikes,		1 07
" " oil for street lights,		5 93

Heman A. Cox, labor on road,	1 13
Wilson Foster, " breaking,	6 24
V. S. Straw, snowing bridge,	5 00
Town of Sanbornton, one-half expense lighting bridge,	12 16
Ezra E. Cawley, breaking roads,	3 85
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	\$431 52

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid :

F. G. Dickerson, treasurer of school board,	\$844 83
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TAXES PAID.

Paid :

State tax,	\$525 00
County tax,	488 48
Memorial tax,	30 00
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	\$1,043 48

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid :	
Geo. A. Sumner, making deed for Pearsons place,	\$ 50
F. P. Parker, school books,	133 74
Geo. W. Dimond, loss on bank bill, by vote of town,	4 00
J. B. Sanborn, books and town warrants,	5 50
F. G. Dickerson, school books.	44 83
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, books,	2 12
“ “ Scale book and oil,	2 35
J. C. Webster, tax on Pearsons place,	1 61
A. A. Bartlett, stove for town house,	8 00
C. M. Cilley, damage to sleigh,	1 25
Sumner, Foss & Hutchins, two telegrams to Bristol for doctor,	50
Albert Pearsons, balance due on land deeded to the town May 6, 1889,	25 00
J. M. Bishop, certificate of death,	25
J. W. Favor, work on town house,	37
Elijah Sanborn, school books,	10 00
W. F. Baldwin, certificate of births and deaths,	4 00
James E. Newton, wood for town house,	1 00
Geo. P. Tilton, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Wilson Foster, “ “	6 00
F. P. Parker, labels,	1 00
Heman A. Cox, cleaning town house,	1 00
John Emerton, work on town house,	1 00
F. G. Dickerson, repairing school buildings,	50 00
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	\$308 02

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1888. Paid :

Geo. W. Nesmith,	\$6 27
Albert Bush,	1 11
Geo. Woodward,	2 09
F. E. Adams,	6 13

1890.

Boswell estate,	2 02
D. W. Clough,	2 26
Estate of Samuel Blake,	2 70
Carlton Dufur,	1 20
Achsah Harris,	4 72
Estate of Joseph Young,	1 02
Alvira Follansbee,	2 02
Lucian Follansbee,	4 75
A. E. Keaton,	1 35
Geo. L. Woodward,	1 35
Henry Plummer,	5 77
Eugene Calley,	1 35
A. Morrison,	37
Geo. Thompson,	1 35
Aaron Smith,	1 35
Elida Stickney,	75
John Hilliard,	48
L. T. Dearborn, excess,	1 35
A. A. Woodward, "	2 03
R. T. Calley "	1 35

 \$55 14

11 60
 37 54
 47 3
 34 81

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, \$5,642 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid :	
Outstanding,	\$82 04
Current expenses,	470 40
Dependent soldiers,	409 32
Town paupers,	20 00
County paupers,	437 31
Roads and bridges,	431 52
Support of schools,	844 83
Taxes paid,	1,043 48
Incidental expenses,	308 02
Abatement of taxes,	55 14
Cash on hand,	1,540 86
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. KELLEY, } Selectmen
JOHN EMERTON, } of Hill.

GEO. W. DIMOND, Treasurer.

Having carefully examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ASA D. PRESCOTT, Auditor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN
MARCH 1, 1891.

ASSETS.

Hay-scales,	\$150 00
Road machine,	250 00
Road tools,	15 00
Cash on hand,	1,540 86
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	\$1,955 86

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. KELLEY, } Selectmen
JOHN EMERTON, } of Hill.

GEO. W. DIMOND, Treasurer.

Births Registered in the Town of Hill, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace. of Mother.
Feb. 8	Charlie V.	M.	Living.	1	White.	Walter B. Messer.	Sadie Ash.	White.	Hill.	Laborer.	Suncook.	Boston, Mass. ..
Apr. 2	"	F.	"	2	"	Horace C. Sweatt.	Abbie E. Littlefield.	"	Hill.	Farmer.	"	"
June 9	"	F.	"	2	"	Albert Ackerman	Thirza Dufer.	"	Hill.	Laborer.	Alexandria.	Sutton, P. Q.
Dec. 12	"	M.	"	2	"	Harry Pearsons.	Abbie Colby.	"	Hill.	Mechanic.	Alexandria.	Franklin.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Hill, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Date of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	1st, 2d, or 3d Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
May 24	Frant S. Shaw.....	Hill.....	22		Mechanic.....	Hill.....	Frant C. Shaw.....	Sanbornton.....	Farmer.....	1	Rev. E. H. Wright,
	Minnie Fanton.....	Hill ..	24		Shop-girl.....	Redding, Con.	Henrietta Clay.....	Hill.....	Housekeeper...	1	Sanbornton.
Oct. 29	William L. Bennett..	Hill.....	19		Farmer ..	Iowa.....	Joseph D. Fanton.....	Redding, Conn.	Deceased.....	1	Rev. E. H. Wright,
	Addie M. Seavey ...	Andover.....	18		Housekeeper.	Andover.....	Mabel Fanton.....	Graton.....	Housewife.....	1	Sanbornton.
Nov. 11	Frank B. Shaw	Hill.....	45	All White.	Butcher.....	Sanbornton..	Lucinda Carter.....	Franklin.....	Deceased.....	2	Rev. J. C. Fifield,
	Nellie J. Stearns.....	Hill.....	28		With parents.	Fairfax, Vt..	John Seavey.....	Franklin.....	Miller.....	2	South Hanson, Mass.
							Pearson C. Shaw.....	Sanbornton ..	Farmer		
							Martia Sanborn.....	Sanbornton ..	Housewife.....		
							Henry Stearns.....	Richmond, Vt.	Farmer.....		
							Mary L. Stearns.....	Fairfax, Vt....	Housewife.....		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Hill, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Date of Death. 1890.	Name and Surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.										
Mar. 11	Joseph P. Ladd	67	9	19	M.	M.	M.	Hotel K'p'r	Bridgewater	Hill	Roscoe F. Wheeler	Mary A. Prescott	Meningitis
Apr. 24	Rym'd R. Wheeler	10			Hill	M.	M.	S.	Bristol	Bristol	Hill	Eugene Cheney	Abbie Colby	Consumption
May 28	Edm'd O. Cheney	7	9		Bristol	M.	M.	S.	Sutton	Sutton	Orford, Can.	A. J. Phelps	Lillis N. Bailey	Strangled or choked
June 26	John B. Phelps	1	4	17	Hill	M.	M.	M.	Brickmas'n	Gilmanton	Wakefield	Henry Plummer	Sarah Piper	Consumption
Aug. 28	Henry Plummer	69	11	15	Gilford	F.	M.	M.	Housek'p'r	Saunbornton	Hill	Tilton Bennett	Sally Straw	Old age
Oct. 2	Sarah B. Shaw	90			Hill	F.	M.	M.	Blacksmith	Moultonboro'		Robert Morrill	Sarah Smart	Cancer
Oct. 25	Harrison Morrill	72	3	22	Hill	M.	M.	M.						

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. W. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

REPORT
OF THE
Board of Education.

The Board of Education would submit the following report upon the schools of the town of Hill for the year 1890:—

We believe that much excellent work has been done in our schools during the year. The teachers have risen to a clear appreciation of the duties of their high office, and have discharged those duties with faithfulness; parents have, to a good degree, seconded the efforts of the teachers; and a large proportion of the pupils have shown a genuine interest, amounting in some cases to enthusiasm, in their work.

It is evident that the changed conditions of our modern life call for new methods in the schools. What was deemed a tolerable education fifty years ago is woefully inadequate now. The time was when a man of good natural ability and force of character could achieve quite a success in life, even with a slender knowledge of books; but that time is past. Now the man who succeeds is he who has had careful training in the schools and has acquired a mastery of his powers, who knows what to do and how to do it.

The object of all true education is two-fold, the acquisition of knowledge and the mental discipline which makes such knowledge a power. Hence, it has been wisely said, "A man is not thoroughly educated until he has the ability to summon, in an emergency, all his mental powers into vigorous exercise to effect a proposed object." The failures and disappointments which every day discloses, are largely the outcome of a non-realization of this fundamental truth.

Habits of thought have a controlling influence on the growth of the mind. These habits are largely formed in the school-room. The superficial thinker there will ordinarily be the superficial thinker in after life. The foundation is imperfect; the super-structure must necessarily be unsafe. But the patient plodder in school, who seeks a knowledge both of the fact and the reason for the fact, and all its bearings and consequences, who is thoroughly imbued with "the dream, the thirst, the wild desire, delirious, yet divine—to know", the patient plodder is the boy or girl from whom the world hears in later years. For after all (and we say this to the older pupils, who will read this report) the training in the schools is only a factor in the preparation for the work of life. Proficiency in any line of labor is gained only through persistent effort. We speak of certain individuals as "self-made men", meaning thereby those who have become eminent in art, science or literature, with little or no aid from the schools. But all men who have surpassed their fellows in learning have been self-made men. He who would become a conqueror in the intellectual arena must do most of the labor for himself, whether in school or not. "His books and teachers are but helps; the work is his." Daniel Webster, with his college training, was a self-made man; so was Abraham Lincoln, carrying on his studies unaided and alone. Both seized upon and improved the opportunities which they had, and both wrought out for themselves a grand destiny. We have become more and more impressed with the importance of the work of education and the responsibility of those who engage in it. It means the imparting of knowledge, the waking up of mind, the improvement of manners, the inculcation of morals—the development of the physical, mental and spiritual faculties of the child. It is a great work and it requires, in order to ensure the largest results, the best thought and most earnest efforts of all engaged in it.

We take pleasure in saying that, in our judgment, our

schools, as a whole, have been raised to a higher standard within the last few years, and we attribute its success to several reasons, some of which we will name. First, the careful selection of well qualified and experienced teachers. Second, the co-operation of parents and children with the teacher, for we think no school can be successful unless harmony prevails and, lastly, the liberality of the town in its appropriations for school purposes.

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

The free text-book law which came in force Jan. 1, 1890, authorizing and instructing the Board of Education to furnish, at the expense of the town, all needful books for pupils, placed quite an extra burden upon us, for it became necessary to ascertain, as near as possible, what books were wanted and procure them in season so they would be in readiness for use. In order that we might the more readily know into whose hands the books were placed, etc., we procured a copy of the Text-book Record for teachers, so that each teacher could keep a careful account of all books and their condition when delivered to each pupil.

An examination and comparison of these records at the close of the year will show how the town stands and the condition of its property.

We also got a supply of slips to paste upon the inside of the covers of books before delivering them to the pupil, each slip having a blank space upon which the name of the pupil was to be written, stating the condition of the book; that it was the property of the town, and that the pupil to whom loaned would be held responsible for its careful use and its return in good condition at the close of each term.

BOOKS INTRODUCED.

By comparing some of our text-books with others of more recent date, we found those in our judgment of far superior

quality and merit. Among them was Butler's Geography, which, if we mistake not, is a very valuable book for our schools.

We also introduced Greenleaf's inductive series of arithmetics, which pleased our pupils much, and is a great improvement over the one we have been using. Our histories, also, were of ancient date and, after examining quite a number of different text-books, thought best to introduce Barnes'.

BRISTOL AND HILL UNION SCHOOL.

The same arrangement was made with Bristol as in former years, so that pupils residing in the northerly part of Hill could receive their school privileges with that town. The first term was taught by Miss Mina Kelley. The second and third term by Miss Lela Pray. This town contributed \$75 toward the expense of the school.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who have attended each session of their respective schools during the year, without being absent or tardy :—

DICKERSON.

Etta V. Simonds, Sadie A. Simonds, Walter C. Dickerson, Jennie L. Dickerson.

Pupils who were not absent or tardy during the term :—

VILLAGE.

First term. Hattie L. Blake, Izola G. Calley, Lulu M. Huse, Edith L. Prescott, Henry T. Blake.

Second term. Willie L. Blake, Ralph W. Eaton.

Third term. Lulu M. Huse, Edith L. Prescott, Jessie E. Dimond, Mary E. Mead, Ethel M. Plummer, Cora L. Wilson, Florance R. Twombly, Ralph W. Eaton, Wallace R. Plummer, Carr Huse, Heber M. Adams, Henry T. Blake, Fred L. Trumbull.

CENTRE.

First term. Edith L. Adams, Mary Addison.

Second term. Edith L. Adams, Ella R. Bartlett, Sadie M. Trumbull, Cora E. Trumbull.

DICKERSON.

First term. Harrie M. Dickerson, Etta V. Simonds, Jennie L. Dickerson, Sadie A. Simonds, Sadie H. Dickerson, Francis E. Hall, Walter C. Dickerson, Willie H. Hall.

Second term. Jennie L. Dickerson, Lillian B. Mason, Belle Mason, Etta V. Simonds, Sadie A. Simonds, Walter C. Dickerson, Ned Simonds.

Third term. Jennie L. Dickerson, Sadie H. Dickerson, Francis E. Hall, Etta V. Simonds, Sadie A. Simonds, Fred A. Adams, George H. Cox, Harrie M. Dickerson, Walter C. Dickerson, Willie H. Hall, Ned Simonds.

The treasurer's report and statistical table hereto appended will give information in regard to expense and other matters.

FRANK G. DICKERSON,	} School Board of Hill.
FRANK E. ADAMS,	
FRANK P. PARKER,	

Treasurer's Report.

REPAIRS.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$50 00
Cash on hand from last year,	14 21
	—————\$64 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for repairs,	\$55 48
Cash on hand,	8 73
	—————\$64 21

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$844 83
Cash on hand from last year,	16 68
	————— \$861 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for support of schools,	\$846 49
Cash on hand,	15 02
	————— \$861 51

FRANK G. DICKERSON, Treasurer.

Having carefully examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ASA D. PRESCOTT, Auditor.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Teachers.	Schools.	Weeks of School.												Amount paid Teacher Including Board.	Per Cent. of Attend- ance.	Number not Absent or Tardy.	Visits of Com- mittee.	Visits of Citizens.
		Pupils.	Average Attendance.		Reading.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Writing.	Language.	Geography.	History.	Physiology.	Algebra.					
Clara M. Farnum.	Village.	29	45	36	40	40	35	40	15	22	10	40	2	\$148 50	93½	10	98	
Cora I. Sargent.														90 75				
Nellie J. Rogers.	Centre.	27	24	14	18	18	15	17	5	10				60 75	93½	8	31	
L. Evalyn Carter.														60 75				
Addie M. Cilley.	Dickerson.													56 25	100	1	10	28
Mabel M. Newton			26	19	15	19	19	18	16	12	15	7	1	54 00				
Flora F. Cilley.	Thoga.													116 85	83½	6	15	
Addie M. Cilley.			20	7	5	7	7	5	7		4			100 00				

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